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In re application of: William T. DONOFRIO et al.

Serial No.: 09/879,319

Group Art Unit: 3731

Confirmation No. 5187

Filed: June 11, 2001

Examiner: NGUYEN, Victor X.

For: FINGER OPERATED SWITCH FOR CONTROLLING A SURGICAL
HANDPIECE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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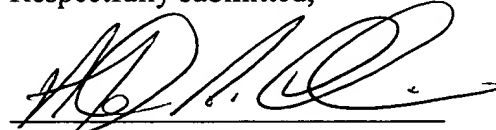
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 11, 2003, the applicants in the above-identified patent application provisionally elect, **WITH TRAVERSE**, Group I, claims 1-60 and 66-68, drawn to a system in surgical procedures, classified in class 606, subclass 169; and Species I, Figs. 2a, 2b.

If there are any questions regarding this Response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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